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1. The following is cited as a possible indication of the existing relationship between the Xuan Government and the French colonial administration. A general discussion recently took place between Phan-Van-Giao, Governor of Annam in the Xuan Government, and a French official regarding budgetary problems. It was purely an academic discussion as this particular French official had no control over financial affairs. The discussion started in a friendly way but ended somewhat bitterly. The gist of Giao's point of view in the discussion was that the Xuan Government needs huge sums of money in order to win over the population. The gist of the French official's point of view was that the French cannot afford huge sums for bribery and corruption.

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